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Arlington Cultural Council
Minutes of Monday August 9, 2010 Meeting
Robbins Library Conference Room, Arlington, MA

Present: Suzanne McLeod, Susan Murie, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Anyahlee Canas, Eliza Burden, Sharon Shaloo, Scott Samenfeld. Kurt Fusaris also was present as a visitor.

Suzanne McLeod called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ITEM 1 June and July Minutes were approved as written.

ITEM 2 RFPs: 2010-02 "Writing it Down" Cancer Center. Requested that they be able to reduce their number of new sletters from two 8-page issues to one 16-page issue. A conditional approval was granted contingent upon the mailing reaching the same number of recipients.

ITEM 3 Report on Outstanding 2009 Grants. Sharon reported that Berkshire Hills (2009-04) and the Thompson School (2009-16) have been contacted to inquire about status; Berkshire Hills has until Sept 1 and Thompson Sch. has until Sept 30 to respond to ACC or money will be regranted. Susan M. contacted Joe Snodgrass (2009-14); he has until Sept 13. Anyah reports that Rick Berry (2009-05) has his "Open Studio" scheduled for Sept.

ITEM 4 Treasurer's Report. Sharon reported that the account balance is \$14,390. Of this, \$9,050 is outstanding grants and approximately \$2,500 is available for re-granting during the 2011 grant cycle.

ITEM 5 Town Day. Stephanie reported that she had just reached John Budzyna of ACA to discuss ways of working together to highlight public art in Lamson Way. This would include displaying the Town Day mural from 2 years ago, an enlarged image of Bus Depot mural, Karen Dillon's project, and perhaps work by another local public artist. There was discussion of including AHS teacher Nancy Muise and her murals around town. Stephanie will follow up on this. Group discussed various ideas for a hands-on art project such as totems or beads made from recycled items and strung from trees on Lamson Way and/or a map of Arlington that people can share their ideas for public art locations in town. Stephanie and Anyah will make final decisions on the art project. The board APPROVED a maximum Town Day budget of \$250. Suzanne will generate a sign-up list for time slots and materials to bring to Town Day.

ITEM 6 2011 Guidelines and Dates - Review and Revise. Discussed ways of finetuning guidelines. Sharon will make revisions to 2010 guidelines for circulation. 2011 Guidelines and applications to be available by Sept. 1.

ITEM 7 Grant Writing Workshop. A single informational session will occur on Sunday October 3 from 1-3 pm at the Community Safety Bldg. A sample completed ACC grant application will be available on-line and at the informational session.

ITEM 8 New members. The board approved the appointment of three new council members: Margaret Barrett, Karin Blum and Kurt Fusaris. Departing ACC Member, Susan Murie, was thanked for all of her contributions to the ACC, especially with the website and other publicity efforts.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Eliza Burden, Recording Secretary

Reserved rooms for the following upcoming meetings:

Mon., September 13, ACC Meeting, 4th Floor Conference Room Robbins Library 7:00

Sun., Oct. 3, Grantw riting Info Session, Community Safety Building, 1-3 pm

Mon., October 18, ACC Meeting, 4th Floor Conference Room, 7:00

Mon., Nov 8, Grant Presentations, Low er Level Commun. Rm, Robbins Library, 7-8:30

Weds., Nov 10, Grant Presentations, Low er Level Commun. Room, Robbins Lib., 7-8:30

Sun., Nov 14, Grant Deliberations, Community Safety Building, 10-3

Mon., Dec 13, ACC Meeting, 4th Floor Conference Room Robbins Lib., 7:00